

I have been a subscriber of XM Radio for 3 yrs now and I believe that it is one of the best uses of over the air/ satellite transmissions. The ability to travel long distances and receive the same signal is great, but the ability to know what is up ahead as far as weather and traffic is a wonderful use of technology. AM and FM radio is NOT going to be forced into obsolescence by XM or any other satellite system. If they lose listeners, it will be because they offer no value to their customers. I still listen to FM and AM when I know that something of value or entertaining is broadcasting, but the ability to listen while traveling over long distances is the reason I use XM. Another point of contention that I have is that I am a SUBSCRIBER. I chose to replace my current radio with better technology and listen to XM. I pay for the privilege to listen to XM. They should be allowed to utilize all technologies in order to perfect their product and not be held back because of bureaucracy and greed. The economy is growing because I and people like me have purchased this technology. I am sorry that the lawyers and owners of older technology radio conglomerates are unhappy with my / our decision, but they had an opportunity to change and chose not to. Do not allow them to cry about it now. Allow XM and other satellite technology to move forward with new ways of increasing the value of this option. I respectfully urge you, the FCC, to reject the NAB's petition 04-160

Sincerely,
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